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For : FIELD EMISSION-TYPE ELECTRON SOURCE AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims and drawings as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and includes an attached replacement sheet.